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IN THE NAME OF GOD, whom I humbly adore, to whom I offer up perpetual Thankſgiving, and to the Order of whoſe Providence I am chearfully reſigned. This is the Laſt Will and Teſtament of me, *Henry Saint John*, in the Reign of Queen

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Ann,

Ann, and by her Grace and Favour Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, after more than Thirty Years Proſcription, and after the immenſe Loſſes I have ſuſtained by unexpected Events in the Courſe of it; by the Injuſtice and Treachery of Perſons neareſt to me; by the Negligence of Friends; and by the Infidelity of Servants; as my Fortune is ſo reduced at this Time, that it is impoſſible for me to make ſuch Diſpoſition, and to give ſuch ample Legacies as I always intended, I content therefore to give as follows:

My Debts, and the Expences of my Burial in a decent and private Manner at *Batterſea*, in the Vault where my laſt Wife lies, being firſt paid, I give to *William Chetwynd* of *Stafford*, Eſq; and *Joſeph Taylor* of the *Inner-Temple*, *London*, Eſq; my two aſſured Friends, each of them One Hundred Guineas to be laid out by them, as to each of them ſhall ſeem beſt in ſome Memorial, as the Legacy of their departed Friend, and I conſtitute them Executors of this my Will. The Diamond

my

Ring which I wear upon my Finger, I give to my old and long approved Friend the Marquis of *Matignon*, and after his Deceaſe, to his Son the Count *de Gace*, that I may be kept in the Remembrance of a Family whom I love and honour above all others.

Item, I give to my ſaid Executors, the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds in Truſt, to place out the ſame in ſome of the Publick Funds, or Government Securities, or any other Securities as they ſhall think proper, and to pay the Intereſt or Income thereof, to *Francis Arboneau* my *Valet de Chambre*, and *Ann* his Wife, and the Survivor of them; and after the Deceaſe of the Survivor of them, if their Son *John Arboneau* ſhall be living, and under the Age of Eighteen Years, to pay the ſaid Intereſt or Income to him, until he ſhall attain his ſaid Age, and then to pay the principal Money, or aſſign the Securities for the ſame to him; but if he ſhall not be living at the Deceaſe of his Father and Mother, or ſhall afterwards die before

his

his ſaid Age of Eighteen Years, in either of the ſaid Caſes, the ſaid Principal Sum of Four Hundred Pounds, and the Securities for the ſame, ſhall ſink into my Perſonal Eſtate, and be accounted Part thereof.

Item, I give to my two Servants *Marianne Tribon* and *Remi Charnet* commonly called *Picard*, each One Hundred Pounds, and to every other Servant living with me at the Time of my Deceaſe, and who ſhall have lived me Two Years or longer, I give One Years Wagers more than what ſhall be due to them at my Death.

And, whereas I am the Author of the ſeveral Books or Tracts following, *viz.*

Remarks on the Hiſtory of England, *from the Minutes of* Humphrey Oldcaſtle, In Twenty-four Letters.

A Diſ-

A Diſſertation upon Parties. In Nineteen Letters, to *Caleb Danvers*, Eſq;

The Occaſional Writer. Numb. 1, 2, 3.

The Viſion of Camillick.

An Anſwer to the London Journal *of December* 21, 1728, *by* John Trot.

An Anſwer to the Defence of the Enquiry into the Reaſons of the Conduct of Great-Britain.

A final Anſwer to the Remarks on the Craftſman's Vindication.

All which Books or Tracts have been printed and publiſhed, and I am alſo the Author of

Four Letters on Hiſtory, &c.

Which have been privately printed and not published; but I have not assigned to any Person or Persons whatsoever the Copy, or the Liberty of Printing or Reprinting, any of the said Books, or Tracts, or Letters. Now I do hereby, as far as by Law I can, give and assign to *David Mallet* of *Putney*, in the County of *Surry*, Esquire, the Copy and Copies of all and each of the before-mentioned Books or Tracts, and Letters, and the Liberty of Reprinting the same. I also give to the said *David Mallet*, the Copy and Copies of all the Manuscript Books, Papers, and Writings, which I have written or composed, or shall write or compose, and leave at the Time of my Decease. And I further give to the said *David Mallet*, all my Books which at the Time of my Decease, shall be in the Room called *my Library*.

All the rest and residue of my Personal Estate, whatsoever and wheresoever, I give to my said Executors, and hereby revoking all former Wills, I declare this to be my Last Will and Testament.

In

In Witneſs whereof, I have hereunto ſet my Hand and Seal the Twenty-ſecond Day of *November*, in the Year of Our Lord One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fifty One.

Henry Saint John, Bolingbroke.

Signed, Sealed, Publiſhed, and Declared by the ſaid Teſtator, as and for his Laſt Will and Teſtament, in the Preſence of

OLIVER PRICE.
THOMAS HALL.

Proved at *London*, the Fifth Day of *March*, 1752, before the Worſhipful *Robert Chapman*, Doctor of Laws and Surrogate, by the Oaths of *William Chetwynd* and *Joſeph Taylor*, Eſquires, the Executors named in the Will, to whom Adminiſtration was granted

granted, being firſt ſworn duly to Adminiſter.

March 1752. WILLIAM LEGARD, PETER ST. ELOY, HENRY STEVENS, } *Deputy-Regiſters.*

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From the Right Hon. the

Lord Viſcount *Bolingbroke*,

To a NOBLE PEER,

Giving his REASONS for Leaving the Kingdom in *March* 1715.

My LORD, *Dover, March* 17, 1715.

I Left the Town ſo abruptly, that I had not Time to take leave of You, or any of my Friends. You will excuſe me, when You know, that I had certain and repeated Informa-

Informations, from ſome, who are in the Secret of Affairs; that a Reſolution was taken by thoſe, who have Power to execute, to purſue me to the Scaffold. My Blood was to have been the Cement of a New Alliance; nor cou'd my Innocence be any Security, after it had once been demanded from Abroad, and reſolved on at Home; that it was neceſſary to cut me Off. Had there been the leaſt Reaſon to hope for a fair and open Tryal, after having been already Prejudged, unheard, by the two Houſes of Parliament, I ſhould not have declined the ſtricteſt Examination. I challenge the moſt inveterate of my Enemies, to produce any one Inſtance of Criminal Correſpondence, or the leaſt Corruption, in any Part of the Adminiſtration in which I was concerned. If my Zeal for the Honour and Dignity of my Royal Miſtreſs, and the true Intereſt of my Country, has any where tranſported me, to let ſlip a warm or unguarded Expreſſion; I hope the moſt favourable Interpretation will be put upon it. It is a Comfort, that will remain with me in all Misfortunes, that I ſerved

Her

Her Majeſty faithfully and dutifully, in that eſpecially, which ſhe had moſt at Heart, relieving Her People from a bloody and expenſive War; and that I have always been too much an *Engliſhman*, to ſacrifice the Intereſt of my Country, to any Foreign Ally whatſoever. And it is for this Crime only, that I am now driven from thence.

You will hear more at large from me ſhortly.

Yours, &c.

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